Ministry, in June, 2004, on learning about the publication of an Indian edition of the "International Herald Tribune" from Hyderabad, by M/s Midram Publications Pvt. Ltd., had written to M/s Midram Publications to stop forthwith, publication of the same, and to International Herald Tribune, Hong Kong and New York, to stop forthwith supply of material/contents for publication of the International Herald Tribune from Hyderabad as it violates the extant print media policy of the Government. The Government is examining the options of strengthening its policy, through suitable legislative measures.

**Sexual harassment in media organisations**

2033. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints of sexual harassment in media organisations like Prasar Bharati are on the increase;

(b) if so, how many such complaints have been received from the 31st July, 2003 to 30th June, 2004 and how many have been solved,

(c) whether these percentage of such complaints is higher than during the corresponding periods of years 2001-02 and 2002-03, and

(d) the steps taken to eliminate such complaints during the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The number of complaints of sexual harassment received in the Prasar Bharati in the relevant periods are given as under:—

| Period | No of complaints during the period | Present status |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1.7 2001 to 30 6.2002 | 2 | Out of the two cases, one case has been closed and another is under investigation. |
| 1.7 2002 to 30 6 2003 | 3 | Out of the three cases, one has been closed and in one, the accused has been charge-sheeted and the third case is under investigation |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 1.7.2003 to 30.6.2004 | 4 | Out of the four cases, one accused has been charge-sheeted, one criminal case is pending with the police authorities and the remaining two are under investigation. |

(d) Instructions in the matter have been issued by the Government in pursuance of the Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in the case of Vishakha *vs.* State of Rajasthan & Otrs. (JT 1997(7) SC 384) which are being followed by Media organisations under the Ministry.

**Registration of newspapers**

2034. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of names issued by the Registrar of Newspapers of India on an average every month,

(b) whether it is a fact that requests for names come from all parts of the country;

(c) whether Government had given clear cut directions on which names should be issued and which are banned, and

(d) if so, the details of the directions given to the RNI regarding names for newspapers and journals to be issued by the RNI?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) On an average, 975 titles are verified every month by the Registrar of Newspapers for India.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) and (d) As per Section 6 of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, the title should not be the same as, or similar to, that of any other newspaper published either in the same language or in the same State.